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No. 87387 F/53-3

Dated 11-12-1953.

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MEMO. No 87387 F/53-1 Dt 30-9-53

Sub: Port Department - Administration Report - Priced Document - Proposals.

The attention of the S.P.O. is invited to Question No.X (Statistics purely for departmental use) under the Questionnaire to be answered by the Minor Ports Authorities and sent to him with Memorandum No.81779-F/53-3, P.W. dated 14-9-53. It has been suggested in this connection that if the Administration Report of the Port Department is made into a priced document, the Chambers of Commerce and others can purchase it. The S.P.O. is requested to offer his remarks in the matter in consultation with the C.T.P.T. if necessary

To the S.P.O.

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P.W.(F.I.)

Memo No. 87387 F/53-2. D. 14.11.53

Subj:- Port Deptt - Admn Report Priest Document Proposals.

Ref:- Memo No. 87387 F/53-1.D. 30.9.53

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The S.P.O. is requested to expedite this remarks/recommendations at earliest.

18.11.53.

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The S.P.O.

18/11/53

Same to Transport Dept.

THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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P. O. BOX NO. 116 MANGALORE-1 (S. INDIA)

TELEGRAMS: "CHAMBER"
TELEPHONE: 128

Date 31st October, 1953.

To

The Port Officer,
Mangalore.

SECRETARIAT TO GOVERNMENT
2-NOV 1953
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Sir,

Sub: Port Department- Administration Report- Proposal to supply against payment- Resented- Representation.

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Ref: Your letter No.3192/53-1 dt.27-10-53.

The question of charging for the supply of Administration Report may arise -

(i) if the supply of same to particular individuals and institutions as is not absolutely necessary;

(ii) if it has a wide circulation already and supplied to unimportant individuals and institutions free of cost, rendering such a supply uneconomic; and

(iii) if there is a further heavy demand for the supply of same from the public.

Dealing with the above aspects of the supply, we have to state as under:-

(i) It appears that the Administration Report is supplied free of charge to the Members of the State Legislature and of the Union Parliament in the Madras State, and to the Congress Committees, among the non-officials. It is for the Government to examine whether or not, free supply of Administration Report to them is necessary. But we have to point out that the absence of Chambers of Commerce in the free mailing list of this Administration Report is a glaring omission. Unlike any other non-official individuals or organisations who are now supplied with the Administration Report, Chambers of Commerce at Ports are closely associated, intimately connected and very much interested in the working of their respective Ports. The fact that members of the mercantile community form the economic backbone of any Port as they alone use the Port, needs special mention in this connection. As such it is absolutely necessary that the Chambers of Commerce should be supplied with the Administration Report of the Port Department, every year without any charge whatsoever. As it is, we are given a copy of such a Report on specific request every year. This is to impress upon the Government that supply of the Administration Report to the Chambers of Commerce, free of charge is absolutely necessary.

(ii) We do not think that a Report of this nature has a wide circulation so as to warrant supply of same against payment. Public interest to the extent of acquiring a copy of the Administration Report every year is limited and only those who have something to do with the Port may need a copy.

Hence we would like to state that if the present free supply to several individuals and committees is considered to be unnecessary or uneconomic, it is for the Government to confine the proposed levy in respect of those interests alone, but under no circumstances, Chambers of Commerce should be called upon to pay for this Administration Report.

(iii) We have no reason to believe that there is a further heavy demand for the supply of this Administration Report so as to justify issue of same against payment.

In the circumstances stated above, it is requested that Chambers of Commerce in the State may be included in the mailing list maintained by the Government for the supply of the Administration Report of the Port Department every year, free of any charge.

Yours faithfully,

For THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

Hon. Secretary.

Copy to:-

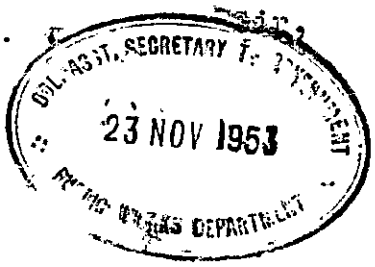
(1) The Secretary to the Government of Madras, Public Works Department, Fort St.George, Madras.

(2) The State Port Officer, Madras.

From
L.H.Cornish Esq.,
State Port Officer,
Post Box No.13,
Madras-1.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department,
Madras.

No. 3613 GL/53-1 dated 18th Novr.1953.



Sub:-Madras Port Department - Administration Report - Proposal for making it a priced document.

Ref:-Government Memo No.87387-F/53-1 P.W., dated 30-9-53.

I consider that there will be little or no demand for the Administration Report of the Madras Port Department on the Tuticorin Port Trust if it is made a priced document as the representatives of business firms on the Port Conservancy Board or Landing and Shipping Fund Committee or on Tuticorin Port Trust Board get the required information. As the Kanara Chamber of Commerce, Mangalore alone are asking for a copy of the report, it is suggested that they may be granted a free copy thereof by this office if approved by Government.

In this connection please see letter from the Kanara Chamber of Commerce, Mangalore dated 31-10-1953 addressed to the Port Officer Mangalore, copy endorsed to Government and to me, also copy of letter from the Cahirman, Tuticorin Port Trust No.5/2946 dated 26-10-53 enclosed.

Encl:-
one sheet

Yours faithfully,

State Port Officer.

MR.18.

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From the Hon.Secretary,The Kanara Chamber of Commerce,Mangalore.
To the Port Officer, Mangalore. -
Dated 31-10-53.

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Ref:-Your letter No.3192/53-1 dated 27-10-53.

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II

From the Chairman, Port Trust, Tuticorin.
To the State Port Officer, Madras.
No.5/2946 dated 26-10-53.

Sub:-Tuticorin Port Trust - Administration Report - Priced Document - Proposal - Govt.Memorandum No.67387-F/53-1 Pub.Works Dept. dated 30-9-53 and State Port Officer's Endt. No.3613-G1/53-1 dated 12-10-53 thereon.

With reference to your Endt. cited above I have to state that various interests including the Chambers' of Commerce are represented on the Tuticorin Port Trust Board. It has always been customary to supply copies of administration reports to all the Trustees of the Port. There has been no demand for these reports from the Chambers of Commerce or others and it is presumed that the copies supplied to Trustees are normally passed on to the organizations they represent.

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Under the circumstances it is considered that the proposal of making the administrative report a priced document in the absence of any demand for the same would not be an economical proposition.

/True Copy/

State Port Officer.

MR.20.

THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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P. O. BOX NO. 116 MANGALORE-1 (S. INDIA)

TELEGRAMS: "CHAMBER"
TELEPHONE: 128

Date 8th December, 1953.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
10 DEC 1953

The Secretary to the Government of Madras,
Public Works Department,
Fort St.George, MADRAS.

Sir,

Sub: Port Department - Administration Report for 1952-53 - Request for supply of a printed copy.

We believe that the Administration Report of the Madras Port Department, for the year 1952-53, which is usually published in the month of September, is now available. We request that a copy of the said Administration Report may kindly be sent to this Chamber, as usual, at an early date, as the same is required for our record and for statistical purposes.

Thanking you in anticipation of your early compliance,

Yours faithfully,
For THE KANARA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

M. Madhava Mayya
Hon. Secretary.

P.N.D.(F.)

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Letter No. 87387/F/53-3 dt. 4-12-1953.

To

The Secretary,
The Kanara Chamber of Commerce,
Mangalore-1.
South Kanara.

Sir,

Sub: Post Deptt - Administration Report for 1952-53 - Supply of...

Ref: Your letter dt. 8.12.53

I am directed to state that the Administration Report of the Post Deptt is under print, and a copy thereof will be supplied to you in due course.

P.T.O.

Extract from the Press.

N.J.

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Public Works Department,
Fort St.George, Madras,
Dated 29th January 1954.

Letter No.81779F/53-9

From
Sri M.S.Ram, I.A.S.,
Deputy Secretary to Government

To
Sri D.K.Guha,
Member-Secretary,
Ports and Shipping Statistics Committee,
C/o Sri M.A.Master,
"Raj Mahal"
Juhu,
Bombay 23.

Sir,

Sub: Port and Shipping Statistics Committee -
Questionnaire to be answered by Minor Ports
Authorities.

I am directed to invite reference to the penultimate sub-para of para 2 of this Department's letter No. 81779F/53-5 dated 14-10-1953, in so far as it relates to making the Administration Reports of the Port Department, a priced document and to state that the proposal has since been dropped as there will be little or no demand for the reports if they are made priced documents.

Yours faithfully,

(A.J.Chandy)
for Deputy Secretary to Government

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Copy to the State Port Officer, with reference to his letter No. 3613 G1/53-1 dated 18-11-1953.

Forwarded / By Order

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P.W.D. (F-1).

Extracts from File C.No.81779-F/53 (Sub: Port and shipping statistics Committee - Questionnaire to be answered by the Minor Ports authorities)

Question No.X.

Statistics purely for departmental use:-

Please let us know if any special statistics are being compiled and maintained purely for departmental use, that is to say, that such statistics are neither circulated to the Trustees, nor to any one outside the Department. If so, please let us know the type and nature of the statistics maintained and forward to us a copy of such statistics together with a note explaining the nature of the statistics, thus maintained.

Extract of the discussion which Secy. P.W.D. had with Shri Master and the Member-Secy. of the Committee on 23-9-53.

Under question X, I referred to the publication of Administration Reports and suggested that if it was made into a priced document the Chambers of Commerce and others could purchase it.

A | Z | ⊗ This may be taken up separately.

T.M.S.M.
24-9-53

Please see the extracts above. It is subd. that the Administration Report is not now a priced document but it is given to (I.& P) Section for distribution to Newspapers. However with reference to Z above, the S.P.O. may first be consulted in the matter Draft submitted.

Ku 29.9.53

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To the S.P.O. memo. No. 87387 F/53-1 dt 30-9-53.
From the S.P.O. letter No. 3613 GL/53-1 dt 18-11-53.
From the Kanara Chambers of Commerce letter dt 8-12-53.

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Please see the reference to the S.P.O. on p1 and his reply thereto on p 7 ok. He has

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Noted that there would be little or no demand for the Report if it is made a priced document. The C.T.P.T is also of the same view. In the circumstance the proposal to make the Administration Reports a priced document may perhaps be dropped.

The Administration Report of the Civil Deptt. for 1952-53 is in the Press. When copies thereof are received and distributed, a copy thereof may perhaps be sent to the Kanara Chamber of Commerce as usual. The draft letter below with ref. to the letter from the Kanara chamber of commerce is for consideration.

11.12.53

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Issued as Letter No. 87387 F/53.3 of 11-12-53.